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1 CHAIR CONWAY: I'd like to bring the 2 public meeting to order and welcome everyone to our 3 second public meeting and welcome to Powering Our Future. Public meeting is being held to review the 4 interim version of Columbia's Integrated Resource 5 6 Plan. An Integrated Resource Plan, or commonly 7 referred to as an IRP, is a great way of studying our 8 future power supply options. 9 IRP takes into consideration how the 10 energy is created, how the energy is transported, the 11 environmental impact and the benefits of the energy 12 efficiency. The goal of the IRP is to give us information we need to secure reliable, cost-effective 13 and environmentally sensitive power for the future. 14 1.5 There are two main components to the 16 study, the supply side and the demand side. The 17 engineering firm of Burns and McDonnell has taken recommendations from the task force and the public and 18 they have some initial results to share with us 19 20 tonight. We wanted to review these findings with you at this time before the final IRP is completed. 21 22 After the presentation, there will be an 23 opportunity to ask questions. I would ask everyone 24 to -- that wants to ask a question, to secure a card,

write your question on it and then we'll collect the

- 1 cards at the end of the presentation.
- 2 At this time, I'd like to introduce Kiah
- 3 Harris from Burns McDonnell in Kansas City. And Kiah
- 4 will review the initial data that has been gathered
- 5 and put together for the IRP. Kiah.
- 6 MR. HARRIS: Thank you, John. Well, I
- 7 appreciate the opportunity to be here again and talk
- 8 about this interim step and phase in this Integrated
- 9 Resource Planning process.
- 10 What I want to do tonight is to go
- 11 through several issues. One is to kind of recap and
- 12 give a little bit overview of what an IRP is and how
- it's performed and then some of the initial results
- 14 that we have looked at and some of the conclusions and
- 15 things that we've got on an interim basis to talk to
- 16 the task force about.
- Just to kind of give you a quick recap,
- again, an Integrated Resource Plan is the balancing of
- 19 producing the electricity, the cost of producing the
- 20 electricity versus the cost of producing the
- 21 electricity. So we're looking at the savings of
- 22 electricity through demand-side programs and the cost
- of producing it through supply-side options.
- 24 And this slide was reviewed at the
- 25 earlier public meeting and I thought it would be

- 1 helpful to kind of just get everybody focused again on
- where we are in the process. Tonight we're at this
- 3 supply-side and demand-side discussion where we're
- 4 looking at these two paths as individual pieces before
- 5 we get into the integration of the -- of the supply-
- 6 and demand-side options.
- 7 In this first task phase that we looked
- 8 at, we collected and reviewed data from the City to
- 9 kind of get an idea where everything currently stood.
- 10 We then identified and analyzed several supply- and
- demand-side options on an individual basis and looked
- 12 at the types of things that were coming out as
- optionally good -- good things to consider in the --
- in the overall process.
- 15 And then the last step is to take these
- 16 individual options on supply and demand side and bring
- them together to produce a final plan that includes
- both the recommended supply and recommended
- demand-side programs to move forward with.
- 20 Just to give you a little recap on where
- 21 the City stands right now, this graph also was shown
- 22 at the first meeting. The dotted black line indicates
- 23 the -- the -- the demand -- peak demand that is set by
- 24 the -- the City customers. The dark line represents
- 25 the amount of capacity that the utility has to keep on

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- 2 that's -- the black line is the line that we have to
- 3 target a resource capacity plan for.
- 4 And then all the colored areas underneath
- 5 that represent the types of resources and the
- 6 megawatts available from a variety of capacity options
- 7 that the City has.
- 8 This indicates that there will be some
- 9 retirements down at the power plant on the Business
- 10 Loop. And the white space in between these areas
- 11 represents the capacity deficit that would have to be
- 12 satisfied by the Integrated Resource Plan.
- 13 Commensurate with the capacity issue is
- 14 the status of energy. And energy is a little bit more
- 15 difficult to show over time, but what this curve does
- again is represents the rank ordering of each hour's
- demand over a year's period that is set by the City.
- 18 So this sets your -- your peak time all the way over
- 19 to the lowest demand that you have on the City on --
- on an hourly basis. And this just rank orders all
- those across the 8,760 hours of the year.
- 22 And the area underneath this curve
- 23 represents all the energy that is consumed by the --
- 24 the citizens of Columbia. And we've represented the
- 25 major blocks of energy sources that are on this curve

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1 by these areas. This is for the 2015 forecast period,
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- 2 so this green area represents where the energy would
- 3 come from your existing coal resources. This blue
- 4 area in here is from natural gas options. And then
- 5 these -- these portions up in here (indicating) are
- 6 either from the market or other peaking resources.
- 7 So essentially what you're seeing on this
- 8 graph is that you've pretty much fully utilized all of
- 9 the coal-type energy that you have on the system and
- 10 all the incremental will be coming primarily from
- gas -- natural gas-fired facilities or the market.
- 12 And so given this picture, this is where
- we really started looking at options that may make
- sense for the -- for the City.
- So when we look at supply side options,
- what we're doing in this analysis is to look at these
- individual units that might make sense for the City.
- 18 And certainly we have to look at the capacity amounts
- 19 that each of these resources might bring in and how
- 20 that might fit into the deficit curve on the -- on the
- 21 City's system.
- 22 So we looked at a variety of resources.
- 23 And these resources are taken and essentially put into
- 24 a computer process and what this computer does then is
- 25 to provide the -- the technology type, whether it be a

- 1 biomass power plant or a combustion turbine or an
- 2 engine generator set. It tells us how many megawatts
- 3 are optimal for the City to install from that device
- 4 as well as what year that device needs to be
- 5 installed.
- 6 So on the supply side what we're looking
- 7 at doing is -- is having these portfolios identified
- 8 that give us the technology, the megawatts and the
- 9 year of installation.
- 10 The resources that we looked at on the
- 11 supply side included several different capacity sizes
- of a regional coal unit much like your participation
- in the Prairie States plants. And we looked at sizes
- of 25 megawatts 50 megawatts and 100 megawatts.
- 15 You're pretty much able to select the size level that
- 16 you want to take out of that type of a resource.
- 17 We also looked at numerous local options
- 18 here from -- ranging from what's called a fluidized
- 19 bed unit. This unit is capable of burning biomass,
- 20 corn stover and that type of thing. And that would be
- 21 installed out at the power plant on the Loop. And
- 22 these are the two sizes of that system that we looked
- 23 at (indicating).
- We looked at a local integrated
- gasification combined cycle unit, which is a unit that

- 1 locally gasifies coal and puts it into a combined
- 2 cycle power plant and fires it on the synthetic gas.
- 3 We looked at just straight natural gas-fired
- 4 combustion turbines locally, engine generator sets
- 5 that are about 8 megawatts a piece.
- 6 We looked at local solar photovoltaic
- 7 panels that would be installed on commercial
- 8 buildings. We looked at acquiring more wind from
- 9 regional wind resources, much like you're pulling in
- 10 today from your contract with Associated Electric.
- 11 We looked at an area-pumped hydro plant,
- 12 we looked at more purchases from the market and we
- 13 looked at small units that are called combined heat
- 14 and power facilities that would be installed at a
- 15 local commercial building here in Columbia.
- Now, some of the things that we didn't
- 17 look at and -- were nuclear. One of the reasons for
- not really considering the nuclear is -- is the lack
- 19 of a real identified project that we had that gave us
- 20 an in-service date as well as the cost of -- of that
- 21 option to look at.
- We looked at kind of wind in Columbia,
- 23 but it seemed to be a little impractical with the size
- of the facilities that would be needed from a
- 25 commercial standpoint. Commercially utility grade

- 1 turbines are typically installed on towers that are
- 2 approaching 300-feet high right now with massive
- 3 propellers and the -- the residential-type facilities
- 4 are put on primarily 100-foot towers that are sited in
- 5 the residential situation and we felt that the option
- of looking at regional purchases was better than those
- 7 two. So we've considered those to be a bit
- 8 impractical for this go-around of the study.
- 9 Solar options, there's two other solar
- 10 types of power plants that are being looked at.
- 11 They're both using solar concentrating facilities.
- 12 The solar concentrating sterling engine type plants
- that are being put out in California right now are
- really in kind of a proof-of-concept stage and they're
- 15 really not a commercial product to the point where we
- 16 could incorporate the performance and cost structure
- of those type units here.
- 18 And the solar concentrating thermal
- 19 plants that are being installed, one just went
- 20 commercial in Nevada right now. The cost of that
- 21 energy out of that plant right now is targeted to be
- \$170 a megawatt hour, which for the options that you
- 23 have available to us or -- or to you all is much more
- 24 expensive than those options, so it wasn't considered
- 25 commercially practical.

1	There are also small micro hydro
2	facilities that could have been considered. The
3	difficulty in us evaluating those is that they're very
4	site specific and that that site determines how
5	what the performance, the energy output, the cost is
6	going to be. And so without a specific thing to
7	evaluate, we didn't really have one included in the
8	analysis.
9	Now, that's not to say that if one of
10	those sites was presented to the City, that it
11	wouldn't be beneficial, but we just didn't have a site
12	to to really cost out and do the performance on
13	like we could these other options.
14	Some other considerations in this study,
15	we looked at three levels of carbon tax. You, I'm
16	sure, heard in the campaigns today that there's
17	discussion going on about carbon regulation right now.
18	And we looked at a base number without any carbon tax
19	applied just to see what the base cost of the options
20	would look like. We looked at a \$10 number and a \$30
21	number. And we'll talk a bit about some results based
22	on those that range.
23	We also looked at the transmission import
24	capabilities of the City. And we found that although
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1 areas on the transmission system, it's reasonable to
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- 2 expect that you have import capability of -- of the
- 3 amount needed to really satisfy your future
- 4 obligations.
- 5 And we also looked at maintaining the
- 6 reserve margin of 15 percent that is established by
- 7 regulations for -- for the utility.
- 8 So one of the options portfolios that
- 9 was -- that came out of the model as -- as low cost
- 10 was use of engines at the local Loop power plant to
- add roughly about a 50 megawatt portion of a unit that
- 12 you would participate in, like the Prairie States
- power plant, and then to buy other capacity off of the
- 14 market.
- 15 Another portfolio that we assessed was to
- 16 essentially keep these engines at the local plant but
- 17 to replace all the -- the coal that was in that
- 18 previous option with wind energy. And this wind
- 19 energy would be purchased essentially like you're
- 20 purchasing the contract from Associated Electric.
- 21 One of the issues with wind that we had
- 22 to consider is -- this is a chart of a wind turbine
- 23 output in July in -- in west Texas. And you can see
- 24 the -- the variability of the output of the wind over
- 25 the hours in this -- these four days right here. And

- 1 this variability has to be compared to what you could
- 2 dispatch with a more traditional supply-side option
- 3 like a combustion turbine.
- 4 And when we talk about capacity, the
- 5 difficulty with wind is that you can't accredit it or
- 6 you can't claim the capacity at 100 percent of the
- 7 nameplate on the wind. So what we're dealing with in
- 8 this region is roughly about a 10-- 15 to 20 percent
- 9 value of the nameplate in megawatts.
- 10 So in this assessment here, we would get
- 11 somewhere around 15 to 20 megawatts of the credited
- 12 capacity for the wind turbine, which means we have to
- add roughly 80 to 85 megawatts of either market
- 14 purchases or another type of resource to back this up;
- whereas, with the combustion turbine, we could claim
- 16 100 megawatts of that nameplate on that piece. So we
- included these concepts into the study and -- and
- incorporated the cost of that -- that backup.
- 19 Another option that we looked at was to
- 20 again keep the engines down there, but also look at
- 21 this local biomass plant. And the size that came out
- favorable was about a 73 megawatt unit that was
- 23 identified in an earlier study that the City had done
- specifically for the -- for the power plant.
- 25 And this option would keep a lot of the

- 1 existing steam facilities in service down at the -- at
- the power plant, but replace them with a new boiler.
- 3 This boiler would be fired on a combination of coal
- 4 and biomass. And there's a variety of biomass fuels
- 5 that could be considered for this, but -- so this
- 6 allows you to get in -- you know, biomass fuels into
- 7 your combustion mix.
- 8 Another option that we looked at was to
- 9 add about 10 megawatts of photovoltaic rays on local
- 10 commercial buildings and see how this program costed
- in. And we used engines and the -- and the biomass.
- 12 So we've got several kind of all local options here as
- 13 well as the -- the two with the remote wind and the
- 14 remote coal to -- to compare.
- Just to give you an idea of where the
- 16 energy comes from on these cases, this is the -- the
- 17 case where you participate in a regional coal unit.
- 18 And we're looking at roughly 81 percent of the energy
- 19 from coal and a pretty even split between the market
- and renewable energies.
- 21 With the wind replacing the new coal, you
- 22 can see obviously that we're taking a lot more wind
- 23 energy and the coal drops back to about 58 percent
- from your existing resources. And you can see that
- over on the biomass option, that you're roughly at

- 1 about a 72 percent level for -- for the solid fuel
- 2 energy.
- 3 Give you a feel for how the -- the
- 4 evaluation is performed. We use what's called net
- 5 present values, which takes a future stream of annual
- 6 costs and brings it back to a common year. And so we
- 7 can then evaluate all of these programs or the
- 8 optional portfolios into a -- into a common evaluation
- 9 point.
- 10 The scale over here (indicating) is in
- 11 millions of dollars, so these represent billions --
- 12 1,200,000,000 is the bottom number here. This study
- is done to -- to 2027, so this is where the MPV is
- 14 brought back to 2027 to 2008.
- So when we look at the light blue down
- here, this is with essentially no carbon tax. And so
- this is a base level of what would happen if there
- 18 were no impacts to the cost of CO2 emissions. And as
- 19 you can see, the -- the rank order of these is
- 20 essentially the -- the coal portfolio was the lower
- 21 cost, wind was second and then the biomass and biomass
- 22 and solar went up in rank.
- Now, the difference between these net
- 24 present values is roughly about 6 1/2 percent, which
- is a fairly small amount. I was talking earlier that

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       with something, you'd probably be looking more in the
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       essentially to bring those into an equivalency point.
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                    So moving to the demand-side management
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       had a quantifiable amount of energy and demand
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can quantify and kind of measure how many megawatts

- 1 $\hspace{1cm}$ we'd add with a power plant and we had to have the
- 2 same measurement essentially on the demand side.
- 3 So the programs that we've looked here
- 4 don't include the kind of soft programs like
- 5 educational programs and these type of things that CWL
- 6 would continue to encourage and have available to the
- 7 customers. And so those are kind of outside the
- 8 confines of this -- this assessment.
- 9 After we had the options identified, we
- 10 had to screen them. And this was to determine how
- 11 much demand and energy savings we would get by each
- 12 program, what the -- the cost of -- of the programs
- 13 would be.
- 14 And so in the screening, we looked at a
- benefit/cost comparison. And in the cost of the
- programs, essentially what we're looking at is the
- 17 cost of the installation of the device or the amount
- of rebate that would be applied by CWL to the customer
- for encouragement of -- of acceptance of that better
- 20 efficiency or better technology.
- 21 Once we add the individual options and
- 22 the individual impacts put together, then we had to
- 23 look at the -- the variety of DSM options and what
- 24 that might do as -- in combination and then roll that
- up into the total portfolio that could be applied to

1 the CWL system.

- 2 Just to give you an idea here, this --
- 3 this slide is a sources of energy consumption on CWL's

- 4 system. And roughly half of the energy is consumed in
- 5 commercial buildings. About 38 percent is from
- 6 residential. And the residential's further broken
- 7 down into these five categories of apartments and
- 8 duplexes and single-family homes.
- 9 And so we took the -- the inventory that
- 10 we discussed with the staff and broke it down by these
- 11 various components to determine what we felt the
- 12 reasonable inventory targets would be for each of
- 13 these categories.
- Just to give you an idea of how the
- 15 energy consumption works in natural gas heated homes,
- this is from the Department of Energy and provides you
- 17 kind of a scaling factor on where the more attractive
- 18 ideas are for -- for saving energy in residential
- 19 consumption.
- 20 So when we look at this process,
- 21 essentially what we're taking is this -- the number of
- 22 end-users, the number of customers on CWL system that
- 23 have whatever type of thing we're looking at. For
- instance, you know, the number of refrigerators that's
- out there on the system that may be in -- be in

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1 garages or basements that's kind of a second unit and
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- 2 then multiplying those by the demand and energy
- 3 benefits that would accrue by either replacing that
- 4 with a more efficient device or taking it off the
- 5 system altogether.
- And so the product of those two numbers
- 7 gives us then the impact that we would see on the load
- 8 forecast or the energy and demand requirements that
- 9 the utility would have to provide. And so by taking
- 10 the total number of refrigerators times the savings
- 11 per refrigerator, we can then determine what the total
- 12 impact would be on the CWL system. And this was done
- for all of the power supply -- or the demand-side
- options that we -- we considered.
- Now, the -- in the denominator of the
- 16 equation is cost. And so the cost of the program
- would be the cost of the option, like the cost of a
- 18 new air conditioner, the cost of recycling that
- 19 refrigerator, these types of things.
- 20 And those were compared to the --
- 21 essentially the avoided cost of what it would take to
- 22 add that amount of energy and add that amount of
- 23 kilowatts from the supply options that we looked at
- 24 earlier.
- 25 So for this analysis, with the -- the

- 1 coal portfolio being the lower evaluated portfolio,
- 2 all of these individual programs were evaluated
- 3 against that portfolio. And so with that portfolio,
- 4 we had significant number of -- of residential
- 5 programs in the HVAC area, the heating ventilation and
- 6 air conditioning, fixing the thermal envelope by
- 7 adding more insulation into the walls and attics and
- 8 that type of thing and more efficient appliances.
- 9 On the commercial and industrial side, we
- 10 focused primarily on the existing stock obviously,
- 11 which it's very difficult, as we'll talk about in a
- 12 minute, to evaluate the -- the envelope changes and
- 13 how that might happen in a commercial industrial
- 14 establishment.
- So in these programs and these options we
- were looking more at changing out specific things like
- 17 the chillers and the -- the appliances and the
- 18 lighting inside of these establishments.
- 19 So we looked at roughly 40 options for
- 20 all of these categories. And essentially the cost --
- 21 or the cost of the program was approximately a
- 50 percent rebate, which was 50 percent of the
- installed costs of the device.
- 24 So when we look at the residential
- 25 efficiency issues, two of the highest users in the

- 1 process are heating ventilation and air conditioning
- 2 or your central air units as well as lighting. Both
- 3 of those are existing programs that CWL has and both
- 4 of those are affected by the efficiency standards that
- 5 the federal government is -- is implementing.
- 6 And so the -- one of the things that
- 7 we'll be looking at in this integration phase is how
- 8 naturally those types of programs are going to come
- 9 into the system as opposed to how much CWL has to kind
- of entice people to -- to put those programs in.
- 11 And -- and we'll talk a little bit about how we can
- 12 accelerate the acceptance of these type of things.
- 13 But for the residential side, the more
- 14 effective programs that came out were thermal envelope
- 15 enhancements -- is it unplugged? Our story system
- 16 went -- went out on us. So -- are you going to reboot
- 17 this?
- 18 MR. GLASCOCK: It wasn't plugged in so I
- 19 think the battery went dead.
- 20 (OFF THE RECORD.)
- MR. HARRIS: All right. Thank you.
- Now, the interim report lists all of
- these programs and all of the analysis that went into
- these, but essentially some of the higher types of
- 25 programs that came out were in the residential side

- 1 looking at the envelope modifications with more
- 2 insulation, tightening up the duct systems,
- 3 programable thermostats and these -- retiring of these
- 4 older second refrigerators came out to be beneficial
- 5 types of programs.
- Now, on the commercial and industrial
- 7 side, as I mentioned, we did look at the modifications
- 8 of the building envelopes and specifically to the
- 9 existing resources. This comes about simply because
- 10 of the variety of the existing commercial stock that
- 11 you have and the variety of architectural enhancements
- and accessibility of those enhancements that would
- 13 have to come about.
- 14 So it's much more difficult to
- 15 essentially cost and estimate the -- the issues
- 16 associated with actually changing significantly the
- outside envelope of a commercial building as opposed
- 18 to a residential building, which is fairly easily to
- 19 add insulation in the attic and these type of things.
- 20 But what I want to talk about a bit is
- 21 the -- what we did do was to look at, you know, what
- 22 would happen if we could kind of make a lot of those
- 23 changes and enhance the outside envelope. The
- 24 Department of Energy has essentially two levels of
- 25 what's called Energy Star commercial building

- 1 structures. One is an Energy Star 69 and the other is
- 2 an Energy Star 75 level.
- Now, what we took was the existing
- 4 commercial stock, which if you go through the interim
- 5 report, we broke all these down by various types of
- 6 commercial structures, restaurants, motels, banks, a
- 7 bunch of these things. And in the Department of
- 8 Energy data set, you can look at these different types
- 9 of -- of structures and look at average consumption
- 10 and how they compare across this area.
- 11 And this bottom line right here
- 12 (indicating) represents essentially the assessment
- of -- or our assessment on the average commercial
- 14 building without going into considerations of envelope
- 15 modifications.
- To enhance the -- the benefits of -- of
- doing options, this level up here (indicating) is
- 18 the -- kind of the lowest level, which you may have
- 19 heard people talk about the lead program. This is
- 20 kind of a minimum lead qualit-- qualified building
- 21 right here.
- 22 So to get to that level, there would have
- 23 to be more than just changes inside the existing
- 24 buildings for heating ventilation and air conditioning
- 25 and -- and lighting and those type of things.

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1	So what what the drivers would be to
2	get to that level would be obviously code changes that
3	might come into play, significant rate increases that
4	would make these economics better justifiable for new
5	structures to be put up and then other rewards that
6	you might generate essentially to entice new
7	construction to meet these higher efficiency levels.
8	But this gives you an idea of what, you
9	know, implementing those new codes might do over time
10	to the future construction in the in the city.
11	So to give you kind of an idea of what
12	we've identified is that we we're estimating that
13	there's roughly about a 33 megawatt amount of demand
14	reduction that could come about and roughly
15	1000 gigawatt hours, which if you went back to the
16	portfolios that we talked about earlier, you know, we
17	were talking about the 34 megawatts of engine steps
18	essentially, which is roughly what you would be
19	looking at an equivalent for for this type of savings.
20	So now, the other other thing that
21	we're dealing with here is the rate that you all would
22	accept new efficiency appliances, new programs that
23	might come about and, you know, how you would move
24	ahead essentially to change to a higher efficiency air
25	conditioner or better light bulbs or those type of

1 things.

- 2 And so there's a rate of acceptance in
- 3 all of these -- these options that we've been looking

- 4 at. And essentially people accept things based on how
- 5 the level of -- of rebate and, you know,
- 6 attractiveness that it is to pay for the replacement
- 7 technology. And in the acceptance of these devices,
- 8 essentially this was taken out of the statewide study.
- 9 These acceptance rates are down to .2 to 10 percent
- 10 range.
- 11 To -- to kind of give you an idea of how
- 12 this looks on a -- on a impact of the -- the DSM
- programs, this bottom line here (indicating)
- 14 represents the impacts out of the residential side.
- This purple is from the commercial side. And this
- 16 yellow provides you a total line. And this is taking
- in all those varieties of acceptance levels that we
- 18 had.
- And you can see that, you know, we're
- 20 talking about acceptance over a period of years here
- 21 to -- to bring out the efficiencies in these -- in
- these programs.
- To get us to a point where we're, you
- 24 know, essentially getting the same amount of benefit
- 25 but getting it faster, we essentially would have to

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- 2 quicker rate. And so that's something that we're
- 3 going to be discussing with the task force is how that

- 4 assumption would be looked at from the standpoint of
- 5 how rapidly we might improve the -- the acceptance of
- 6 some of these different options.
- 7 To look at the cost of the options, we're
- 8 roughly looking at total installed cost of about
- 9 \$60 million for all of these -- these different
- 10 options that we've looked at. And one approach would
- 11 be that we'd look at these and evaluate them in the
- 12 context that CWL would pay half of that in a rebate to
- 13 the customers for these various programs.
- 14 If you drop the -- the value of the cost,
- 15 you know, the -- the benefit cost ratio is -- if you
- 16 reduce the -- the denominator, then you increase the
- benefit cost of these programs. And there may more of
- 18 these if we drop the price down, but then you affect
- 19 the acceptance rate. So there's a tradeoff in there
- 20 that we need to be discussing with -- with the task
- 21 force.
- So to give you an idea of how this
- 23 impacts the forecast, this is the -- the yellow line
- 24 that -- that was taken off of the earlier chart and
- 25 the purple represents the adjustments for the DSM

- 1 benefits. And this again roughly is -- accrues to
- about a 33 megawatt benefit over the study period.
- 3 So what we've done here is we've -- we've
- 4 looked at everything in isolation from each other.
- 5 We've looked at the supply side and kind of looked at
- 6 the DSM options, and now what we're going to do is
- 7 we're going to take the better options out of both of
- 8 those sides and -- and combine them into an integrated
- 9 plan.
- 10 And so what we're going to be doing is to
- 11 look at the -- the potential impact on the forecast
- 12 based on the DSM programs. And then we're going to be
- looking at how these portfolios that looked good on
- 14 the supply side individually are affected by successes
- on the -- on the demand side.
- 16 And so what that will then result in is a
- 17 recommended plan for both the supply-side and
- demand-side options to be incorporated into the City's
- 19 future considerations. And so that's kind of the
- 20 final step that we're into and then we'll come back
- 21 and -- and provide you the wrap-up on -- on those
- 22 recommendations.
- 23 But some issues to think about in the
- 24 context of looking at these -- the supply-side
- options, you know, the more aggressive you can get on

- demand side management considerations and the faster
- 2 you can get the efficiencies running out of the
- 3 system, then the more you can delay supply-side
- 4 options.
- 5 And so there's several things that we'll
- 6 need to be talking to the task force about to -- you
- 7 know, to -- to move forward into the integration phase
- 8 and what those assumptions might -- might look like.
- 9 One of the benefits that you have is that
- 10 you've got a lot of in-town supply options that can be
- 11 considered. And the difficulty with participating in
- 12 a -- in an outside resource, you know, be it a coal
- 13 plant or potential nuclear plant or whatever, is that
- 14 you really aren't in the driver's seat by when you
- 15 need to make an investment, what your minimum amount
- of megawatts may be that you could acquire and these
- 17 types of things.
- 18 So with these in-town options available
- 19 to you, you can -- you can slide the in-service date
- 20 to whenever you think -- think may be necessary. You
- 21 know, if you're very successful on DSM issues, you
- 22 know, you can slide an -- slide the in-service date
- 23 beyond what we might recommend.
- So that gives you quite a bit of
- 25 flexibility from the standpoint of the power supply

- 1 portfolio, as well as, you know, the -- the in-town
- 2 options minimize your transmission losses and costs,
- 3 the local jobs and that type of thing.
- 4 In considering this coal participation
- 5 option, first of all, there has to be an option to
- 6 participate in. There are currently several plants
- 7 being considered in the Midwest. I'm sure that you
- 8 all are aware of the challenges that the state of
- 9 Kansas has gone through in getting a plant permitted
- 10 up there so these units are under pretty good
- 11 challenge right now.
- 12 And the -- the ability to proceed with
- 13 that option may have a fairly low probability of -- of
- 14 being a true option for you and we'll have to consider
- 15 that in the context of the -- the next phase.
- Renewable options, there's some
- interesting things going on there. There's
- 18 concentrating photovoltaic units that are right now
- 19 talking about price points that are very competitive
- 20 with current options and they're not quite commercial
- 21 yet though is the problem with that.
- 22 And the industry is talking right now a
- year to 18 months before that's going to happen,
- 24 but -- so you'll have to kind of wait and see how
- 25 that -- that works. But with this in-town option

- 1 considered, you know, you've got some time to -- to
- 2 look at those commercial availability issues and kind
- 3 of wait for that next new technology that comes out.
- 4 Another issue that's out there is that
- 5 Missouri is considering a referendum on the November
- 6 ballot about an RPS. Now, if that passes, it may
- 7 impact, you know, your-all's RPS or whether one or
- 8 another will take precedence is a question that we
- 9 need to be considering.
- There's a lot of wind being developed in
- 11 the region. Recently the -- the big issue associated
- 12 with wind is the transmission to -- to deliver it to
- 13 the customers. There's been announcements of
- 14 utilities getting behind some major transmission
- upgrades that would essentially put a fairly
- 16 good-sized wind energy pipeline pretty much right
- 17 through the Columbia area.
- 18 And so you could potentially utilize that
- 19 to -- to deliver some fairly significant amounts of
- 20 wind to the city, but that's a time off yet and it's
- 21 really difficult to -- to bring the -- the actual
- 22 quantification of that issue in, but it certainly
- gives you some optionality in the future.
- So some of the next steps that we're
- 25 into, certainly one of the issues that we're dealing

- with in the industry today is massive cost escalations
- of both fuel and the capital cost for facilities. So
- 3 we're going to update the -- the assumptions that are
- 4 in the study right now to the more recent costs for
- 5 these issues.
- 6 We're also going to be looking at the
- 7 level of carbon tax that's going to be used. Right
- 8 now we're looking at about \$30 as being a potential
- 9 number. And then the -- the amount of DSM rebate that
- 10 CWL would pay for the implementation of the various
- options. When you have the \$30 a ton CO2 tax, the
- 12 portfolio options include resources like the coal
- 13 participation, like engines and these types of things.
- So essentially what you've seen tonight
- we'll be kind of moving forward with unless we get
- 16 different direction from the -- from the task force.
- 17 And then as I mentioned, this integration
- 18 phase then will determine the final levels of -- and
- 19 final options of -- of programs that we would
- 20 recommend to the DSM to be implemented, how those
- 21 might be affected by the federal standards that are
- going to be implemented anyway and looking at those
- things.
- 24 And then on the supply side, we'll be
- 25 providing the technology types, which essentially is

- 1 the -- the fuel, like wind or -- or coal or combustion
- 2 turbines, these type of things, as well as the amount
- 3 of megawatts that need to be installed and what year
- 4 they need to be installed.
- 5 And so that will provide essentially a
- 6 road map for the development for the utility to move
- down to determine, you know, how to implement these
- 8 programs and what types of supply-side options really
- 9 make most economic sense for the utility.
- 10 So with that, we're -- turn it back over
- 11 to you, John, for questions.
- 12 CHAIR CONWAY: All right. Thank you,
- 13 Kiah.
- 14 Next, we'll move to the public comment in
- 15 the form of questions written on the index cards. We
- 16 would ask you to move the index cards to the inside
- 17 aisle and we'll pick those up. If you don't have an
- index card, feel free to come forward and get one from
- 19 the table.
- 20 We will start with the first questions
- 21 and as you complete your index card, feel free to pass
- 22 it to the inside of the aisle and then we'll pick
- those up and should address those starting out.
- 24 Kiah, what is the forecasted load growth
- 25 rate before DSM is considered?

- 1 MR. HARRIS: I'm not sure what the
- 2 percentage is, but we could go back to the -- to the
- 3 graph here and -- and roughly over the study period,
- 4 you're looking at increases of roughly 130 megawatts.
- 5 CHAIR CONWAY: Since CWL service
- 6 territory is limited by boundaries with Boone Electric
- 7 and possibly Ameren, does our growth become limited
- 8 when we reach our utility geographical limits?
- 9 MR. HARRIS: That may be a question for
- 10 Jim; Jim Windsor.
- 11 MR. WINDSOR: Given our current service
- 12 territory, we don't believe that there's still a
- 13 significant amount of open space for growth. There's
- 14 also been -- we're seeing significant infill and
- 15 re-development. So -- and -- and there's still lots
- of new technology. So we believe that for the
- foreseeable future, certainly this period, that growth
- 18 will -- will still be there.
- 19 CHAIR CONWAY: What percent will electric
- 20 prices have to increase to cover even the lowest-cost
- 21 IRP option?
- MR. HARRIS: We haven't really translated
- 23 these costs into -- into rates. Essentially the
- 24 evaluation is being done on the lowest-cost option and
- 25 the -- the report essentially or whatever future that

- 1 the City takes will then be converted into rates, but
- 2 we haven't really developed rates under this study.
- 3 CHAIR CONWAY: Kiah, what if there is an
- 4 emissions credit program rather than the carbon tax?
- 5 MR. HARRIS: The impact on the emissions
- 6 credit program, if we take the example of the SO2
- 7 emissions credit structure, what happened in that
- 8 program was that there was an initial amount of
- 9 credits essentially provided to utilities to kind of
- 10 allow them to operate existing fleets and then
- 11 procure, as time went on, additional needs from the
- 12 market.
- So if we were looking at a trade-type
- 14 system here with credits, essentially -- as I say, if
- the SO2 program is an example, the utilities with
- 16 carbon emissions would be provided a certain amount
- of -- of credits that could be used to offset the
- generation of a portion of their new CO2 emissions.
- 19 So it would tend to mitigate the -- the
- 20 cost impact a bit, I think, of the -- of the cap and
- 21 trade program if the credits were provided.
- 22 CHAIR CONWAY: How can we access the
- large student population and have them help us
- 24 conserve in the form of lights, air conditioning and
- et cetera?

- 1 MR. HARRIS: Well, to the degree that
- 2 these are students that are living on the CWL service
- 3 territory, I think the encouragement of, you know, the
- 4 landlords to put in more efficient appliances and --
- 5 and change out their light bulbs to CFL to these type
- of things would be beneficial.
- 7 We've given an indication of how much
- 8 energy is consumed in the apartment area and that will
- 9 be a -- an identification of the refocusing of those
- 10 dollars to help reduce that energy.
- 11 CHAIR CONWAY: Does our expanded need for
- 12 energy require we look at the demand-side management
- conservation by public that is required?
- MR. HARRIS: I'm sorry, John. Could you
- 15 repeat that?
- 16 CHAIR CONWAY: Does our expanded need for
- energy require we look at the demand-side management,
- in parenthesis, conservation by public that is
- 19 required of -- I think that the question is should
- 20 there be governmental requirements to the further
- 21 conservation?
- MR. HARRIS: Well, I -- well, certainly
- 23 we're looking at the benefits of conservation and
- 24 efficiency and demand-side management measures.
- 25 Certainly it's a public policy issue whether or not

- 1 that becomes mandatory or voluntary. So we're not in
- 2 public policy arena, but that would certainly be a
- 3 decision that -- that could be entertained by --
- 4 certainly by the City.
- 5 CHAIR CONWAY: Wouldn't it make more of
- 6 an impact to make existing buildings more efficient
- 7 than to impose standards on new buildings due to
- 8 their -- I have a very difficult making that out.
- 9 Okay. Wouldn't it be make more of an
- 10 impact to make existing buildings more efficient than
- 11 to impose standards on new buildings due to their
- 12 greater numbers?
- MR. HARRIS: The -- there's no doubt that
- 14 if you could have a building envelope program for the
- 15 commercial buildings, that there would be some
- 16 benefits out of it.
- 17 The difficulty, as I mentioned earlier,
- is quantifying the cost and the acceptance from the
- 19 commercial building owners as to whether or not there
- 20 was sufficient incentive to go to the expense involved
- in -- in doing those fixes.
- 22 CHAIR CONWAY: What attention has been
- 23 given to subsidizing home and commercial outfitting
- for energy generational onsite?
- MR. HARRIS: I think the question falls

- down to residential and commercial distributed
- 2 generation. We haven't looked at a residential level
- 3 of gen-- distributed generation. Typically those
- 4 are -- are more emergency-related issues and -- but we
- 5 have looked at commercial distributed generation from
- 6 what's called a combined heat and power application.
- 7 And so we feel that there may be
- 8 potential options inside the city to accept
- 9 distributed generation on a combined heat and power
- 10 process and that is being looked at.
- 11 CHAIR CONWAY: This question is directed
- to co-generation. Is this plan flexible enough to
- 13 attract and retain quality employers? Co-generation
- 14 could be very attractive to some companies.
- MR. HARRIS: Yes. As I mentioned,
- we're -- combined heat and power is, in essence, a
- 17 co-generation application for commercial
- 18 establishments. On an industrial basis, the
- 19 co-generation is a -- a very industrial-specific
- 20 issue. Certainly we feel that as the energy costs
- 21 increase, the value of -- of co-generation would be of
- 22 benefit.
- 23 Certainly one of the opportunities that
- 24 the City has with the municipal-owned utility is to
- 25 try to make those programs work; whereas, it's not

- 1 always that easy to make them work in an
- investor-owned utility type -- type environment.
- 3 CHAIR CONWAY: What is the proposed fuel
- 4 biomass gener-- generator?
- 5 MR. HARRIS: The -- the biomass fuel that
- 6 we studied in -- in this approach utilized the
- 7 tire-derived fuel that was identified in the study
- 8 that was performed by CWL earlier.
- 9 We've talked with the City staff and we
- 10 know that there's interest in certain biomass in the
- 11 region from -- from the agricultural community and
- that certainly could be considered in the design of
- 13 the facility to incorporate that type of biomass as
- 14 well into the combustion process.
- 15 CHAIR CONWAY: Let's see. Kiah, this may
- 16 be a repeat question, but how would your analysis
- 17 differ if cap and trade is adopted rather than a
- 18 carbon tax?
- 19 MR. HARRIS: The difficulty with the cap
- 20 and trade is -- is essentially coming up with what
- 21 the -- the economic value of -- of the credits is
- going to be. We've taken the -- the tax approach more
- from the standpoint of being able to more easily
- 24 quantify an impact.
- Until we get some definition on the

- 1 legislation, the variability and the cap and trade
- 2 approaches that are being talked about, it's -- it's
- 3 really difficult to quantify. So I'll have to admit
- 4 that what we have right here is more of a proxy holder
- 5 than anything, but until we get some definition on
- 6 that issue, it's hard to -- to guess.
- 7 CHAIR CONWAY: When will the analysis of
- 8 current Water & Light DSM programs be presented to the
- 9 public? This analysis was included in the scope of
- 10 work to be completed by the consultant.
- 11 MR. HARRIS: All of this process will be
- 12 wrapped up in approximately a month from kind of
- agreement with the task force as to some of these
- 14 assumptions that we need to revisit.
- 15 CHAIR CONWAY: Okay. The DSM programs in
- 16 the March 2008 interim report did not include programs
- 17 to increase the efficiency of building shells or HVAC
- 18 systems for residential rental housing. Columbia has
- 19 a lot of rental units that are not very efficient.
- When will the analysis of rental housing DSM programs
- 21 be completed?
- 22 MR. HARRIS: The -- there was assessment
- of apartments and -- and duplexes in the -- in the
- 24 analysis. So I would have to kind of understand
- 25 better that question, but there was consideration

- 1 given to rental units in Columbia.
- 2 CHAIR CONWAY: The city charter mandates
- 3 that we have reliable electric services, yet no new
- 4 generation built locally in 30 years. Shouldn't we be
- 5 able to cover our peak city load, 302 megawatts, and
- 6 not worry about electric grid blackouts?
- 7 MR. HARRIS: That is really a -- a
- 8 consideration that -- that would be a -- kind of a
- 9 driver assumption in the study. It would be fairly
- 10 costly to locate all of the generation internally that
- 11 you would need to meet all of your load requirements
- 12 for a potential grid interruption.
- Due to the -- the type of grid that you
- 14 have and the -- the connection points that you have to
- it, you know, a transmission -- total transmission
- 16 blackout would have to be across a very widespread
- area prior to -- you know, to a complete blackout here
- 18 at the city. But the cost of that would be -- be a
- 19 significant number.
- 20 CHAIR CONWAY: With respect to the
- 21 psychological component of the acceptance of energy
- 22 efficient technology, how do we pursue this issue?
- 23 MR. HARRIS: I'm not sure how to answer
- 24 that one. I -- I don't know how to respond to that
- 25 one.

- 1 CHAIR CONWAY: Which options would have
- 2 the greatest impact in reducing greenhouse gas
- 3 reduction in Columbia?
- 4 MR. HARRIS: From an efficiency
- 5 standpoint on the supply side, you know, what we --
- 6 what we were looking at was the -- the building
- 7 envelopes and the replacement of the refrigerators and
- 8 these type of things for residential applications and
- 9 the commercial lighting and other appliance change-out
- 10 and HVAC systems in the commercial buildings.
- 11 On the supply side, the lower -- lowest
- 12 option would certainly be the wind and the
- 13 photovoltaics to produce the least carbon emissions.
- Gas would be next and then the -- the coal, solid fuel
- 15 would be the -- the highest.
- 16 CHAIR CONWAY: Also, the task force has
- 17 received a written narrative from Gary Miller, 1312
- 18 West Broadway. It's really not in the form of a
- 19 question. We will enter it into the record.
- 20 Okay. Any additional questions on the
- 21 cards?
- 22 If not, we will move to public comment.
- 23 If there are those that would like to come to the
- 24 podium and -- and make public comment, you're welcome.
- 25 We ask that you state your name and your address and

- 1 you'll be limited to three minutes.
- 2 MR. MURRAY: My name is Oren Murray (ph.)
- 3 and I'm a mechanical engineer with Project Solutions
- 4 Engineering Company here in Columbia. And I've got
- 5 30 years experience in solar and combined heat and
- 6 power, at least two of the things that we're talking
- 7 about tonight.
- 8 And I'm very pleased that -- that we are
- 9 addressing both of these. And I suspect that I know
- 10 which application Kiah is talking about on this
- 11 5 megawatt CHP plant. We're doing a 4 1/2 megawatt
- 12 plant in Houston, Texas right now.
- And it makes a lot of sense with the
- 14 right engine mix and the right utility, you know,
- 15 right mix. You do have to have a need for heat and I
- think we have several opportunities here in Columbia
- for that. And I think you have a solid plan there,
- 18 Kiah. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIR CONWAY: Thank you.
- Are there others for public comment?
- MR. SKALA: My name is Karl Skala,
- 22 5201 Gasconade Drive. I guess I was -- my question
- 23 was the one that you couldn't answer. Had to do with
- the psychological component of whether or not people
- 25 are accepting of this notion of paying a little bit

- 1 more for energy given the circumstances that we find
- 2 ourselves in, that is the -- the prospect of being
- 3 behind cheaper coal and coal-fired power plants and
- 4 some of the new technologies that are coming in line
- 5 and so on.
- 6 Do you think the City plays a role in --
- 7 in explaining this to the folks if they're going to
- 8 pay a surplus on their utility bill?
- 9 MR. HARRIS: Well, I think certainly
- 10 the -- there's been surveys that have shown that
- 11 people are willing to pay, you know, certain amount
- 12 above kind of their average cost for renewable energy.
- 13 And these numbers have typically been in the 5 to
- 14 10 percent area.
- 15 If the city's going to maybe accept a
- 16 future that would cost more than that, which, as I
- 17 understand it, is not really in accordance with the
- 18 RPS guidelines, certainly the -- an educational
- 19 process would be, you know, important to -- to gain as
- 20 much acceptance of that as possible, yes.
- MR. SKALA: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIR CONWAY: Thank you.
- MR. KIND: Good evening. My name's Ryan
- 24 Kind and I live at 105 East Ridgely in Columbia. Just
- 25 a couple of comments. I think I had some questions

- 1 maybe to Kiah that you had some difficulty answering
- 2 as well and I wanted to revisit them.
- 3 One of the questions had to do with the
- 4 evaluation of existing Water & Light programs. And
- 5 you responded by saying that the analysis of
- 6 everything would be wrapped up in a month, but it
- 7 wasn't clear to me that that analysis of existing
- 8 programs would be part of the analysis that we wrapped
- 9 up in the next month.
- 10 MR. HARRIS: Well, if you'll look at the
- 11 interim report, there are numerous programs that have
- 12 been looked at, options that have looked at that are
- 13 current programs here in Columbia.
- 14 As I mentioned earlier, the programs that
- we're analyzing are the ones that have measurable,
- quantifiable results that we can talk about. We're
- 17 not going to evaluate the success of the
- 18 educational-type programs and -- and the more
- 19 soft-type programs.
- 20 One of the programs that wasn't included
- 21 in the assessment that will be looked at in the
- 22 wrap-up is load control. And we have to understand a
- 23 little bit more about the -- the current program and
- 24 how it -- it might impact issues.
- One thing that goes on with the load

- 1 control program as we go through this is that the
- 2 control program's primarily oriented towards air
- 3 conditioners. And the -- the industry is moving to
- 4 essentially dual-compressor air conditioners for the
- 5 Sear 16 and above levels.
- And it's not clear from my mind how the
- 7 load control of the dual-compressor air conditioning
- 8 system is going to work in the context of the existing
- 9 fleet. And so one of the things that I'm sure we'll
- 10 be recommending is that there's a pilot program that
- 11 CWL undertakes to really look at the impacts of load
- 12 control on dual-compressor systems versus the single
- 13 system.
- MR. KIND: Okay. Well, that's certainly
- 15 helpful. I was curious I guess about some other
- 16 programs in terms of just the programs the City has
- for rebates on residential air conditioning units, the
- programs that the City has for loaning residential
- 19 customers money to do insulation in their homes and
- 20 things like that. And I think those have quantifiable
- 21 impacts as well.
- MR. HARRIS: We evaluated residential
- 23 insulation addictions, we evaluated the HVAC
- 24 change-out at residential structures going from a
- 25 Sear 13 to Sear 16, so those have been evaluated.

- 1 MR. KIND: Okay. Well, that's a little
- 2 different than what I was expecting.
- 3 Anyway, the other question was -- that I
- 4 was curious about was -- it had to do with residential
- 5 rental housing. And your response to that was that
- 6 you think it's been evaluated, but the question I
- 7 asked was specifically getting at not the evaluation
- 8 of appliances in rental housing, but the evaluation of
- 9 building shell measures and enhancements to HVAC
- 10 systems, which it's my understanding that that had not
- 11 been evaluated as part of the interim report.
- 12 MR. HARRIS: There are multi-family
- evaluations that have been made in the interim report
- for building envelopes, for duplexes and quad-plexes I
- 15 know. And -- as well as the HVAC change-outs for
- 16 those central air type units.
- MR. KIND: Okay. Well, hopefully I'll be
- 18 able to find that at --
- 19 MR. HARRIS: If you need help finding it,
- let me know.
- 21 MR. KIND: I'll probably be in touch with
- 22 you, Kiah. I appreciate it.
- 23 CHAIR CONWAY: Are there others for
- 24 public comment?
- MS. WELCH: This is mostly comment

- directed to the Power Supply Task Force and City. I
- 2 am Monta Welch --
- 3 CHAIR CONWAY: Excuse me. Excuse me.
- 4 Okay. Go ahead.
- 5 MS. WELCH: -- founder and president of
- 6 Columbia Climate Change Coalition speaking on behalf
- 7 of many individuals and organizations that we
- 8 collaborate and work with. I would like to thank you
- 9 for your volunteer time for Columbia's energy future.
- 10 And would like to think the City staff and the
- 11 concerned citizens that are here today also.
- 12 And the following response is to what I
- did look at online as well as the presentation
- tonight. I will hand this also in so everyone can
- 15 have a copy.
- 16 But Columbia does derive most of its
- funding from the pilot. And as a result of providing
- 18 utility and trash services to its customers, citizens
- 19 want the services provided by the City and appreciate
- 20 the quality this method affords.
- 21 We can continue with this model as
- 22 Columbia powers its future or we can look at
- 23 modifications and consider factors likely to present
- themselves, such as the present economic situation
- largely related to the unfolding energy crisis with

- 1 resulting instabilities, including economic pressure
- in all business sectors, homeland security, dependence
- 3 on peak fuels, some supplied by foreign governments
- 4 and others, many unstable -- many of those are
- 5 unstable, migration, immigration, global food storages
- 6 and disruptive changes in the global economy, among
- 7 others.
- 8 It's important to note that Missouri's
- 9 State Emergency Management Agency reports 13
- 10 weather-related Presidential-declared disasters in
- 11 Missouri in a little more than two years. Only two of
- 12 them cleaned up by the end of January of 2007 with CNN
- 13 now saying that weather may be the greatest threat to
- 14 homeland security. These kind of factors greatly
- affect Columbians and how they get their energy and
- its -- also its hidden invisible costs.
- 17 There should be some discussion about
- 18 decentralization as we talk about Columbia's energy
- 19 future, both within what the City provides as well as
- 20 what individuals can do on their own.
- 21 We should be considering a primary focus
- 22 on conservation beginning with every day individual
- 23 habits, moving from there to steps of retrofitting
- 24 existing structures.
- 25 And the City should promptly begin a

- 1 citywide conservation campaign utilizing organizations
- 2 including civic, environmental, business and
- 3 professional, schools and churches to get us all on
- 4 the right foot to -- and reduce the demand.
- 5 Should be additional programs also to
- 6 develop -- developed to assist further than what we
- 7 already have to assist low-income individuals with
- 8 more expensive retrofitting projects in the form of
- 9 grants and/or low-interest loans or other creative
- 10 financing mechanisms such as Berkeley, California is
- 11 utilizing. Some of these programs would be
- 12 appropriate for any income levels.
- There should be programs to install
- 14 renewable energy options that would require
- 15 retrofitting as a prerequisite, be -- and tailored to
- 16 assist different income levels and cover residential
- 17 buildings as well as commercial.
- These programs should consider the
- 19 alternative proposal to Solar One, which has been
- 20 previously submitted to the City Council and is
- 21 attached to this presentation of letter.
- 22 So any regulations should be redesigned
- 23 to accommodate conservation, efficiency and renewal
- 24 efforts. The issues of aesthetics, density and sprawl,
- land use, mass transit and green space all play a role

- 1 in energy use.
- 2 Since Columbia's expecting growth, these
- 3 issues must be resolved as soon as possible with a
- full understanding of the impact on Columbia's energy
- 5 requirements. Columbia's building regulations should
- 6 be strengthened to reflect the wisdom of that zero
- 7 building design. These highly efficient building can
- 8 be built to easily pay for the small additional costs
- 9 of constructing a building that will save untold
- 10 amounts of energy.
- 11 Columbia should become as sustainable and
- self-sufficient as possible with some decentralization
- and programs that will keep more of its energy dollars
- in the pockets of the community and its citizens.
- 15 CHAIR CONWAY: Just pass it around and
- 16 make it a part of the public record. Thank you.
- MR. O'CONNOR: John O'Connor, civil
- 18 engineer. And I thank you for your presentation,
- 19 Kiah. I thought it was quite useful.
- 20 Might add that I've been consultant and a
- 21 specialty consultant to Burns and McDonnell on issues
- 22 related to drinking water over the years, done some
- extraordinary studies, we think.
- 24 But as I looked at your graph there, it
- occurred to me -- you probably have looked into this,

- 1 what the effect on the existing demand would be of an
- 2 increase in the -- the cost of -- of -- of our
- 3 utilities, our power, if it went up, say, by 25 or
- 4 50 percent. How elastic is that demand?
- 5 MR. HARRIS: To a degree, the forecast
- 6 incorporates some of those economic parameters, it's
- 7 my understanding the way the City develops the
- 8 forecast. Certainly the -- the pressure on
- 9 consumption is going to be somewhat elastic with
- 10 the -- with the price.
- 11 The history of elasticity with energy so
- far has shown that it's pretty steep elasticity. And
- 13 so it -- it kind of remains to be seen what -- what
- 14 the future is going to hold, but historically it's
- 15 been pretty difficult to see with the -- the increases
- that we've had in the past, significant long-lasting
- 17 changes in energy consumption patterns. And I think
- whether you're driving a car or using electricity, I
- mean, it's pretty much the same type of thing.
- 20 MR. O'CONNOR: You don't think that with
- 21 the current economic climate, which is even affecting
- 22 our -- the sale of gasoline, that it might have a
- 23 similar or an expanded effect on even energy use if
- 24 households had to spend, say, 25 percent more on their
- 25 electric bill?

- 1 MR. HARRIS: Well, I -- I'm not sure what
- 2 percentage we're talking about as far as this type of
- 3 a program is concerned.
- 4 MR. O'CONNOR: I just picked a number.
- 5 MR. HARRIS: I mean, there is definitely
- 6 a number out there that would be causing some -- some
- 7 reduction in consumption, but I'm not sure that I know
- 8 what that number is.
- 9 MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you.
- 10 MR. WHITE: Hi, folks. I'm Bruce White,
- 11 1403 Brumming (ph.) Court. I just briefly wanted to
- 12 say I really support the idea of distributed
- generation, especially if there's emergency management
- 14 capabilities hand in hand with that and -- and perhaps
- 15 the idea of using our -- our trash with regard to the
- 16 biomass generation as well. That would be great way
- 17 to handle both of those.
- 18 I wanted to ask though if anybody on the
- 19 task force or -- or you, Kiah, could tell me what --
- 20 this must be a misprint. The cost of the renewable
- 21 energy mandated in the ordinance must not be more than
- 22 3 percent of the cost of electricity derived from
- 23 non-renewable sources? Does that mean not be more
- 24 than 3 percent more than the cost of electricity
- 25 already derived from non-renewable sources?

1	MR. ROPER: Yeah.
2	MR. WHITE: Is that what that means?
3	Thanks, folks.
4	CHAIR CONWAY: Are there others?
5	If not, we'll conclude that portion of
6	the public meeting. We thank you for your input.
7	The task force will be moving forward to
8	have additional meetings to consider the public input
9	in the before the final version of the IRP is is
10	completed. Once it's completed, it will be presented
11	to the City Council.
12	If you would want to review again the
13	interim version of the IRP as well as the power point
14	presentation that was given this evening, that's
15	available at the City's website, www.GoColumbia.com.
16	Also, if you want to make additional
17	written comments, we'd ask you, through an e-mail
18	process, to go to WLMail@GoColumbiaMo.com or Post
19	Office Box 6015 [sic], Columbia, Missouri 65205.
20	With that, we'll conclude the public
21	hearing. Thank you.
22	(HEARING CONCLUDED.)
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